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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY: FORTHCOMING VISITORS TO DAMASCUS

1. PLEASE SHOW TO CONGRESSMAN STEVE SOLARZ DAMASCUS 4148
WHICH IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU. IN SHOWING HIM THIS CABLE,
PLEASE PASS ON THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SOLARZ FROM DRAPER
OF NEA/ARN:

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR STEVE:

THE EMBASSY WILL BE SHOWING YOU A CABLE FROM PELLETREAU IN
DAMASCUS DESCRIBING A NEW REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROCESSING
OF THE MARRIAGE PROPOSALS. I TODAY TELEPHONED BERT
CHABOT AND ASKED HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE 16 SUITORS
TO OBTAIN THE NEW INFORMATION REQUIRED ALONG WITH THE GOOD
HEALTH CERTIFICATES. BERT PROMISED TO MOVE ON THIS RIGHT
AWAY. MEANWHILE I WILL ASK THE SYRIAN EMBASSY HERE TO
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PROVIDE CERTIFICATION. IF THE EMBASSY IS UNWILLING, WE
WILL TRY TO SEE WHETHER THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES IN DAMASCUS
WILL ACCEPT A SIMPLE NOTARIZATION FROM A NEW YORK CITY
OFFICE. I WILL THEN POUCH THE NEW MATERIALS TO OUR
EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS FOR FORWARDING TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

IT APPEARS CLEAR FROM BOB PELLETREAU'S REPORT THAT THIS

REQUIREMENT WILL BE APPLICABLE TO NON-JEWISH SYRIAN
CITIZENS AS WELL AS SYRIAN JEWS.

BOB PELLETREAU HAS ALSO REPORTED IN SEPARATE MESSAGE
THAT STEVE SHALOM, PETERS, AND SLATER WILL HAVE AIRPORT
VISAS WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN DAMASCUS ON JULY 7. THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY IS FACILITATING THE ARRANGEMENTS AND
PROBABLY WILL SEND A FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE TO
THE AIRPORT. AMERICAN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES WILL ALSO
BE THERE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING ON THE FOREGOING INFORMA-
TION TO STEVE SHALOM. IN THE EVENT BURT CHABOT AND
RABBI DWEK HAVE NOT OBTAINED THEIR VISAS IN TIME, I WILL
ALERT PELLETREAU TO THE NEED TO HAVE AIRPORT VISAS
AWAITING FOR THESE TWO MEN ALSO.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN REQUIRE-
MENT MIGHT DELAY THINGS A BIT, BUT I TAKE COMFORT IN
THE FACT THAT THE ISSUE IS NOW BEFORE THE SYRIAN
BUREAUCRACY.

ALL THE BEST, MORRIS. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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